

I was going to say it's a shoddy trick but I'll withdraw that and not say it so that I don't create any disharmony. It appears to be less than a sincere effort to resolve a problem. If Senator Lamb is serious about an overview of what administrative costs ought to be, I'd recommend two or three of the following things for him. One, I would recommend that he enters into an interim study to evaluate total administrative costs of all agencies in the State of Nebraska. Secondly, I would recommend to him that it would appear that we would do that in some kind of a uniform way. If Senator Lamb is successful, I think there may be others that want to look at the budget bills that are up there now in terms of some limitations as to the administrative cost and other cost. I remember the year that some of us said when we created the Chancellor for the Department of Agriculture, that was additional administrative cost, but at that point I didn't hear some of the same people up talking about that. So I suggest to you we either adopt a uniform policy or perhaps we ought to drop this amendment by the side.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I guess I would like to ask a question of either of Senator Lamb and maybe also of Senator Barnett. Senator Lamb, is the purpose of your amendment is to ensure that not more than 15% of whatever is appropriated will be used for administrative purposes or is the purpose to ensure or rather to limit the number of people that could be hired and the reason I'm asking the question is the procedure that we've used in the appropriation bill throughout is to put a limitation on the amount of dollars for personal services which directly relates into the number of people that could be employed rather than a flat percentage, and then if you would answer that, then I would like to know from Senator Barnett how many people are anticipated to be needed for the program, the personal service limitation on salaries for whatever that number of people will be could be inserted in the bill and it may accomplish both of your goals, except I'm not sure if I know what they are.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Warner, I'm not in a position to suggest how many people should be hired, but my concern is that the total amount of money that goes to administration of the program be limited so that the services are not short-changed, that the important part of the bill is to deliver services to the people and I'm certainly not going to try to dictate how many people should be hired or what their salaries would be.

SENATOR WARNER: Wally, do you know how many people?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Warner, does that complete your questions?

SENATOR WARNER: Could I ask Senator Barnett how many people are we talking about if he knows, personnelwise, for the program are the Department anticipating?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Barnett will respond.

SENATOR BARNETT: The Department anticipates, I think, two, five, six personnel and a secretary if I'm not mistaken. I'd have to look it up. It's outlined in the A bill in the green copy and I don't think it would allow it if we adopt this amendment.